

**SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS**

Please replace paragraph 0010 in the specification as published with the following replacement paragraph:

The invention achieves this object by means of an item of jewelry consisting of a central stone and several peripheral stones arranged about said central stone on a special support. The latter comprises a first ring concentric with and connected to a second ring smaller in diameter and greater in height than the first ring. Said rings are connected for example by means of several convergent arms extending between the base of the first and second rings at regular intervals. The second ring comes to a T-shaped shoulder on its top edge with one side designed to be snapped into a longitudinal groove passing all the way around the circumference of the pavilion of the central stone and its other side snapped into a groove present in one of the facets of the peripheral stones. The latter are also held firmly in their positions by a slot formed on the inside of the perimeter of the first ~~second~~ ring.